

Warrior Resilience Conference II

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# Mission

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Our mission is to help service members and their loved ones manage the challenges that are often faced following a deployment

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Wellness resources for the military community





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# **Topics**



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mild Traumatic Brain Injury



Resilience



**Anxiety** 



Military Sexual Trauma



**Tobacco** 



**Stigma** 



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# **Program Tools**



#### **Assessments**

Take self-assessments in any topic area and receive immediate feedback.



#### **Personal Stories**

Service members, veterans, and family members discuss how they overcame post-deployment problems.



### Workshops

Narrator-guided, interactive workshops tailored to each user's needs.



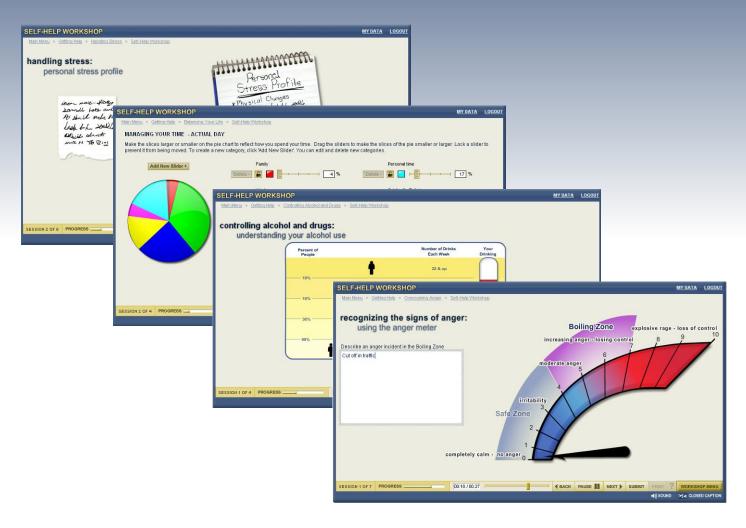
### **E-Library**

E-libraries, introduced by a subject matter expert, offer a mixture of multimedia and text.





# **Interactive Tools**

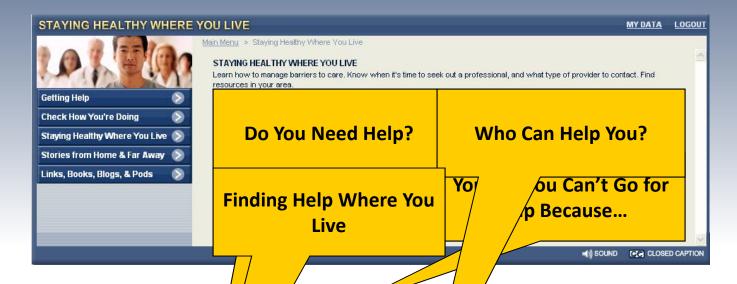






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### **Staying Healthy Where You Live**



- Learn how manage barriers care/stigma
- Know which it's time to seek that face-to-face care
- Differentate what type of provider to contact
- Find resources in your area





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# Advantages of Online Tools

- Available 24/7/365
- Can be accessed privately at home
- Users can take assessments and complete interactive workshops at their own pace
- Augments face-to-face care
- Provides resources for healthcare professionals
- Especially applicable to National Guard/Reserve units who live distant from a treatment facility





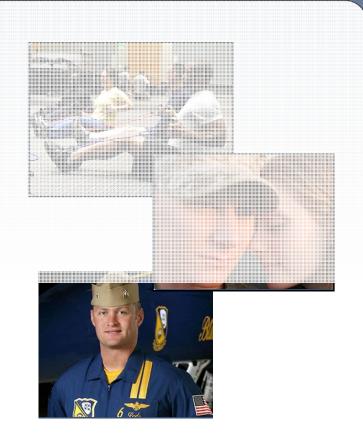
## User Feedback

"I like this one because it seems to relate more to me, my family and our experience as a military family" (Family Member)

"There is a lot to visit on this site, with many resources offered. I would sit down with my family to go through this site; even if we were in separate places I'd feel that we could go through this one together." (Service Member)

"Everyone goes through a lot when service members are deployed. It's good to have resource like this and support for everyone involved." (Service Member)

"...the videos, dealing with numerous different subjects, are affirmation that someone else has also experienced some of what the person may be going through. I think that these can be very self assuring." (Family Member)





"That someone even cared enough to build it."
(Service Member)

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## **New Features**

- New program materials
- Use of e-learning technology for assessment and workshop functions
- Enhancement of workshops
  - Media rich with Video-base guides
  - Greater freedom to access workshop content and tailoring to individual preferences
- Social networking/ community features (Blog/forums)
- Podcasting
- Provider training
- Refreshing content such as health tips, quotes, brain benders, and polls
- Health Resource locator (Google Maps)

- New/ updated testimonials and personal stories
- Expert advice materials combined into a central electronic "manual" – e-Library
  - Users flip through pages as if reading a book
  - Text complemented with enhanced graphics; audio and video; and hyperlinks







## **Next Generation: Online Coaches**

Online Video-Based Coaching Provides engaging human interface between user and psychological content and promotes 'connection' between user and content

### Late-2009 Applications:

- Video-based guides introduce assessments and provide tailored feedback
- Video-based guides introduce workshops and provide ongoing coaching during workshop didactics, vignettes, exercises, and practice assignments

### Future Application: 'Avatar':

- Natural language interaction
- Site orientation/ 'concierge' function
- Avatar directs user to tailored content
- Avatar assists user with treatment planning
- 'Rapport-building' with repeated user visits

### Provider/ Coach in Face-to-Face Settings

 Future clinical/ research applications: engage website materials in tandem with face-to-face clinical services

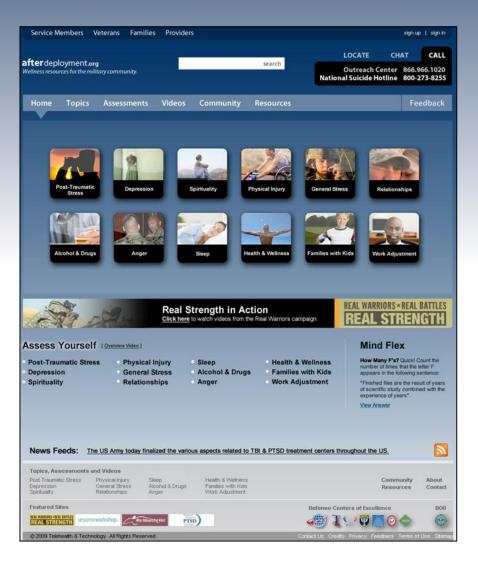








# **Future Landing Page**







### **Partners**

- VA National Centers for PTSD
- Army Medical centers: Tripler, Madigan, Brooke
- AMEDD Center / School Pastoral Ministry Training
- TRICARE Management Activity, Health Affairs

- Real Warriors Campaign
- Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center
- National Center for Deployment Psychology
- Center for Health Promotion / Preventive Medicine











